



# St. James Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Once he came in blessing* Hymnal 53

### The Word of God

◆Lighting of the Advent Wreath BCP pg. 109

◆ *Kyrie* Hymnal (front section) S 96

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Malachi 3:1–4

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Philippians 1:3–11

◆HYMN *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 76

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 3:1–6

◆HYMN *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (vv. 3–5) Hymnal 76

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People – Form VI, *responsively* BCP pg. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Fr. Isaac and Grecia, Dena, Mark, Gary, Armen, Liam Shields, Jane, Allison Penick, Laurent, Teri, Jordan K., Richard James, Angel, Babs, Brian, Joyce Jensen, Tom, and all others we name, silently or aloud.

*Silence; the People may add their own concerns*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence; the People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

### The Holy Communion

Offertory

*A Litany for Advent*

Shirley McRae

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

\*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

\*Sanctus

Hymnal (front section) S130

- \*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364
- \*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364  
*Gluten-free hosts are available.*
- \**Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) Hymnal (front section) S 161
- Communion Hymns: 69, 462, 67
- ◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

The Blessing

- ◆HYMN *People, look East* WLP 724

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able.      \* You are invited to kneel, as able.
- BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.
- WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, & Praise*, found in the pew book rack.

### *Serving this week*

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Marisol & Gideon Pereira
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	David & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti & Tracey Roberts
Coffee Hour Host		Elizabeth McBride
Welcomers		Marge Litteral
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Jim & Jane Vallee

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of our parents,  
 William & Elsie Morrow and Charles & Jeannine Wilkie,  
 whom we still greatly miss.

~ Jim & Donna Wilkie

Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.



**Where, O where, are the three wisemen and their camel?** During this season of Advent and Christmas, leading up to Epiphany (celebrated on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>), the wisemen (and camel) will be “hidden” in the sanctuary, a different place each week. See if you can find them and let Fr. George know where you saw them! A bit of Advent and Christmastide fun!

**Join us online for worship this morning!** Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

**Advent Sunday Bible Study:** today we continue our Advent Bible Study using The Reverend Adam Hamilton’s book *Prepare the Way for the Lord*. If you have not already, let Fr. George know if you want a book (they are \$17). *Prepare the Way of the Lord* explores the message of John the Baptist as the harbinger of the Messiah’s coming. All are welcome to join via Zoom Sundays at 12:30 pm through Advent 4 (December 22<sup>nd</sup>) with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

**St. James ornaments & shelf sitters are available for purchase** at Coffee Hour following the 10:15 service. Ornaments are \$15 each; shelf sitters are \$20. They are also available in the parish office during regularly scheduled hours (Monday–Friday, 9 am – 2 pm). Proceeds go to the Legacy Fund. These commemoratives make wonderful gifts!

**Advent devotional guides** are available in your pew or in the narthex for you to take home. “[Henri] Nouwen’s thoughts, paired with daily verses of Scripture, and reflection and prayers by ... author ... Steve Givens, [this] is an inspirational volume for [those] seeking quiet moments amid the busyness of the weeks leading up to Christmas.”

**What is St. James reading this winter?** I am looking for book titles and descriptions again, this time for the January *Epistle*. We hope this will give everyone who is looking for a good book to read on the cold winter days some titles to choose from! If you would like to submit one or more reading suggestions, **please send them to me by email ([mimih@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mimih@sbcglobal.net)) by Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** for the list to be in the January *Epistle*. Please include the title, author, and a sentence or two about the book, including whether it is fiction, non-fiction, biography; children’s and young adult books can also be submitted. Please also include your name as you would like it listed with the book’s information. If anyone has a question, please email me.



Mimi Hostetter

## Outreach Corner

The St. James Outreach Committee will meet on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> between the services at 9 am.** At this meeting we will review our current outreach efforts and determine the distribution of outreach funds for this year. All parishioners interested in outreach are invited to attend.

**This year's Angel Tree:** we ask you to help provide Christmas gifts to approximately 20 individuals from the Friendship Service Center and 10 children from Farmington Community Services. The Christmas ornaments representing each individual are hanging on the Christmas tree displayed in the narthex (church entryway). Please select one or more ornaments, sign your name on the corresponding sign-out chart, purchase an appropriate gift(s) for your chosen recipient, and return the gift *unwrapped* to the Parish Hall with the ornament attached serving as a gift tag. Each recipient was asked to list several items that they are hoping for. It is *not* expected that all items on the tag will be donated. You can choose to fulfill all items (alone or partnered with friends at church) or just one or two items. This is a wonderful opportunity for St James to share joy with those in need in our community. **The deadline for gifts to be brought to the parish hall is THIS WEDNESDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Dona Waugh or Linda Larkin. Thank you very much!



**Seeking Advent: A Short Dialogue through Visual Art and Faith:** Celebrate the season with a journey through the Annunciation, Nativity and Shepherds' Visitation as depicted in great works of art. In this workshop, by way of Zoom, we will examine, discuss, and hopefully discover moments in these paintings that hold significance for us during this Advent season. Our session will be led by our own Debbi Wagner, art historian and enthusiast. **Join us THIS THURSDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7–8 pm.** Link to Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join> with Meeting ID: 851 5786 7212; Passcode: 917508

**Advent Lessons & Carols:** Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm** for an inspiring service of *Advent Lesson and Carols* at St. James Parish. We will have special instrumental music, choral singing, and Advent hymns to join in with as a congregation. The Lessons will be read by members of St. James. All are invited to join us, following the service, for a reception in the parish hall.



Join us for *Greening of the Church*: On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> following 10:15 a.m. worship, we'll begin our Greening of the Church for Christmas! We are looking for volunteers to come help hang greens, wreaths and decorate the windows, all while enjoying fellowship and creating a glorious welcome for the Christmas season. If you are going to join us, please bring some clippers for trimming greens. We are also in need of fresh greens for the windowsills. If you are willing to donate them, there will soon be a box to drop them in on the sidewalk to the right of the front entrance of the church. We are doing both indoor and outdoor Greening. Blessings and we look forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!



### *Annual Appeal for Stewardship*

We hope that you have been actively engaging God in conversation about your gift to our Annual Appeal for the continuing life and ministry of St. James. **Please fill out your pledge card and return it as promptly as possible. Thank you to those who have already done so!** As of Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we have received 82 pledges totaling \$289,441, with a goal of \$325,500. **If you pledged for 2025 and requested giving envelopes, the boxed envelope sets are available in the narthex (church entryway); additional box sets have been ordered, if you do not find one there with your name on it.** We have received pledges from the following members and friends: *P. Amato & P. Kristen, F. & M. Angelone, D. Antos, J. Auerswald, R. Baba, J. & J. Baptiste, E. Barden, J. Begin & J. Bettencourt, I. Bjarnason & R. McFarland, W. & J. Briggs, B. Brown & C. Pearson, B. & K. Bullard, B. Campbell, S. Carlson, N. & P. Clark, M. & G. Detmar-Pines, D. & K. Faubert, B. Findlay, G. Flynn & F. DeDominicis, C. A. Fortin, J. Fox, M. Giulietti & S. Hard, C. & A. Gravina, R. & R. Grobe, D. & P. Hadlow, A. Harris, D. & M. Hartley, N. Hayes, G. Henry, J. & B. Hess, S. Holland, J. & M. Hostetter, C. Howard, S. Hudon, P. Ingram, B. & W. Ives, C. Kirkwood, B. & M. Kissel, R. & S. Kramer, E. Lapointe & B. Holian, L. Larkin, P. Lazlo, J. Lee, C. LePage, S. Levin, M. Litteral, E. Lyons, S. & L. Mason, J. & E. McBride, D. & C. McDowell, T. & B. Mitchell, T. Nelson, EJ & M. Ososki, B. Paine, D. & D. Paye, A. Penick, K. Pereira, J. Pilla, B. Poggio, E. & B. Preneta, M. & J. Riemer, C. & K. Roach, G. & T. Roberts, S. Rubin, P. Schenck & M. Widness, D. & V. Schlosky, M. Sherman, H. & M. Skonieczny, K. & J. Slusarz, M. Slusarz & A. Michalak, J. & M. Smith, P. & S. Stroebel, B. & B. Sudell, R. Therrien, N. Thompson, D. & D. Tompkins, G. & S. Torrence, D. Waugh, J. & D. Whalen, A. Whilby, F. White, and K. Young.*



**Coffee Hour signups:** Many thanks to who have hosted our time of fellowship this year! The 2025 signup is now on the parish hall ramp bulletin board, offering you the opportunity to host a Coffee Hour in the New Year! On your day, you make regular & decaffeinated coffee and then clean up after Coffee Hour. You may signup for as many Sundays as you'd like – or just one! Signup to work alone or with a friend or two! Providing simple snacks (cookies, cupcakes, maybe a small gluten-free option) is nice, but not necessary to volunteer for this ministry.

**The lectionary readings** for next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> are:

Zephaniah 3:14–20; Cantic: The 1<sup>st</sup> Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4:4–7, Luke 3:7–18.

**The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar** is posted in the narthex (church entryway). Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the day's services. The donation is increasing to \$70 per 2025 Sunday. Note: there will be no altar flowers during Lent.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &  
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

### COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

### GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

### THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.  
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

